

CHAS. F. LUMMIS,
300 East Ave. #3,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dec. 18, 1923.

Mr. Rafael Cebrian,
57 Post St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Cebrian:

I am sorry to bother you, but my dear friend, your noble father, in October ordered 50 copies of my then forthcoming Book of "Spanish Songs of Old California".

The other day, I had a charming letter from him in New York on his way to Paris; but he did not mention what was to be done with the Books, it doubtless having slipped his mind.

I did not know what disposition to make of them or whether there was anyone at the Octavia Street home to receive them; but a friend advises me that you are encargado. There is no concern about the ~~matter~~ whatever; but the Books are with the printers in San Francisco and if it is convenient for you, I would like to have them delivered wherever you say.

I shall mail a personal copy to your father in Paris, that he may have the pleasure of seeing it before his return. I know it will warm his generous heart. This attempt of mine to save the Spanish Songs of the California that was.

With all best wishes,

Always Sincerely Yours,

Always Your Friend,

RALPH J. CEBRIAN
57 POST STREET
SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Cal.,

December 20th., 1923

Mr. Chas. F. Lummis
200 East Avenue 43
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lummis:

I have just received your letter of the 18th inst. and
I rush to answer it.

With the attending cares of his trip I too suppose that
my father quite forgot about the order he placed with you for your book
of "Spanish Songs of Old California" because he failed to mention it to
me. However, please have the books he requested from you, sent to
Octavia Street, together with the invoice. I will today forward your
letter to him to Madrid and await his instructions.

I hope you are in good health and with the seasons
greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ralph J. Cebrian", written over a horizontal line.

RJC/LA

Dec. 23, 1923.

Mr. Ralph J. Cebrian,
57 Post Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Cebrian:

I have your kind note of the 20th, and thank you for your prompt courtesy. My only haste in the matter was to have the Books delivered if possible to meet some wish of your father's, and to avoid the risk of their storage with the printers. I will now have the Books forwarded by Scholz, Erickson & Co. to the Octavia Street house and enclose the invoice herewith-- simply as a matter of form, for as I told you there is no hurry about the money.

I hope your father had a successful voyage across, that he finds your brother in better health and that everything goes well with him. I know of no one who deserves better at the hands of Fate than that noble man and fine patriot, your father.

I am not strong, but am doing a man's work, and with a full heart.

With best wishes for you and yours for the Holiday Season-- and at all times,

Always Sincerely Yours,

RALPH J. CEBRIAN
57 POST STREET
SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Calif.,

December 26th., 1923

Mr. Chas. F. Lummis
200 East Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lummis:

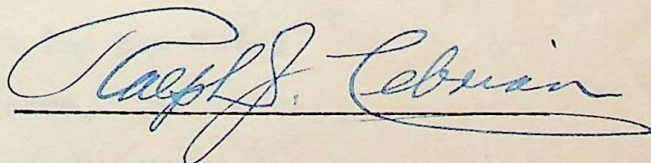
I enclose check for \$50.00 in payment of the
50 copies of your book of Spanish Songs of old California, and ask
you to kindly put it through your bank before December 31st.

I hope that Scholz, Erickson & Co. will deliver
the books at an early date as I am very anxious to acquaint myself
with this attractive subject.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

RJC/LA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ralph J. Cebrian", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jan. 7, 1923.

Mr. Ralph J. Cebrian,
57 Post Street,
San Francisco, Cal..

Dear Mr. Cebrian:

Yours of Dec. 26th just received on its second journey-- which will explain why I could not get the check through the bank before December 31st, as requested.

A couple of days ago Scholz, Erickson notified me that they had'nt enough copies left on hand to fill your order, but I have ordered the Third Edition on the press, and they will be out in a few days; and I have notified the printers to send you 50 at once to the Octavia Street address .

If there is any undue delay please advise me.

With all good wishes to you for the New Year.

Sincerely Yours,